

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS:

Farm families are the foundation of Minnesota agricultural and rural

communities; and

WHEREAS:

Minnesota farm families work to raise crops and livestock efficiently

while protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS:

Agriculture contributes tremendous bounty and economic activity to the

State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS:

The production from Minnesota family farms fuels more than \$3 billion in

exports, and provides the raw material for Minnesota's leadership in

renewable energy; and

WHEREAS:

The University of Minnesota recognizes and celebrates the vital role of

farm families through the Farm Family Recognition Program; and

WHEREAS:

Several families from various counties around the state have been named a

"2016 Farm Family of the Year"; and

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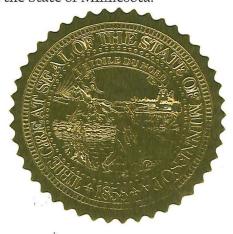
These families were chosen based on their contributions to the agriculture

industry, their communities, and the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, August 4, 2016, as:

FARM FAMILY RECOGNITION DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 25th day of July.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE